

for the state a seal, which shall be called the Great Seal of North-Carolina, to be used for attesting and authenticating grants, proclamations, commissions and other public acts, in such manner as may be directed by law, and the usage established in the public offices; also a seal for each of the courts of record within this state, for the purpose of authenticating the papers and records of such courts when required.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the seals provided by the direction of this act, shall be prepared with one side only, and calculated to make the impression on the face of such grant, commission, record or other public act; and the present Great Seal shall not be used in any case whatever after the seals prescribed by this act are procured.

IV. And whereas the seals annexed to grants and other public papers are in many cases lost and destroyed: Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in all such cases where any person or persons may find it necessary to have the seal of the state put again to such grant or other public papers that he, she or they may prefer his, her or their petition to the Governor and Council who shall, if they shall deem the same proper, after examining such grant or other paper, order and direct the Secretary to put the seal of the state thereto, for which he shall be allowed the usual fees.

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### ACT PASSED AT FAYETTEVILLE, DECEMBER, 1793.

#### AN ACT APPROBATING THE NEW GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE.

Whereas in pursuance of an act passed at Newbern in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, entitled, "An act to provide a proper seal for the state and the several Courts of record, the Governor hath procured a new great seal for the state, calculated to make an impression on the face of the grant, commission or other public act with one side only:

L. Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the state of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That after the first day of March next, the said new great seal shall be used for attesting and authenticating all grants, commissions, proclamations, and other public acts; and the said new great seal shall be good and valid, to all intents and purposes, as the former great seal hath heretofore been, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided nevertheless, That the former great seal of the state shall and may be used for attesting and authenticating grants, commissions, proclamations and other public acts, until the said first day of March next, and until the said new seal shall be deposited in the Secretary's-office, and after that day shall be kept for the purposes mentioned in the fourth and last section of the above recited act.